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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/963,848

Filed: September 25, 2001

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DEVICES AND METHODS FOR  
USING THEM

Customer No.: 20350

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.